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President: Mr. D'Escoto Brockmann ..... (Nicaragua)

The meeting was called to order at 12.15 p.m.

Announcement regarding the results of the election of the Chairpersons of the Main Committees

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I should like to inform members that the following representatives, whom I wish to congratulate, have been elected Chairpersons of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session and are accordingly members of the General Committee for that session: First Committee, Mr. José Luis Cancela of Uruguay; Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of Qatar; Second Committee, Mr. Park In-kook of the Republic of Korea; Third Committee, Mr. Normans Penke of Latvia; Fifth Committee, Mr. Peter Maurer of Switzerland; and Sixth Committee, Mr. Mourad Benmehidi of Algeria.

Agenda item 6

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

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The President (*spoke in Spanish*): In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for its sixty-fourth session.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election, except those already represented in the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly or to the chairmanships of the Main Committees for the sixty-fourth session.

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, of 19 December 1978, the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the sixty-fourth session shall be elected according to the following pattern: five representatives from African States, five representatives from Asian States, one representative from Eastern European States, three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States, two representatives from Western European and other States, and representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled.

We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read out the names of the endorsed candidates.

African States: Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, South Africa and the Sudan.

Asian States: India, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Nepal and Turkmenistan.

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Eastern European States: Slovenia.

Latin American and Caribbean States: Barbados, El Salvador and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Western European and other States: Belgium and Finland.

Since the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have therefore been elected to vice-presidencies of the General Assembly for its sixty-fourth session: Barbados, Belgium, Cameroon, China, El Salvador, Finland, France, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Nepal, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, the Sudan, Turkmenistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States that have been elected to vice-presidencies of the General Assembly for its sixty-fourth session.

Having elected the Chairpersons of the six Main Committees and the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the sixty-fourth session, the General Committee of the General Assembly for its sixty-fourth session has thus been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

Agenda item 104 (*continued*)

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections

(a) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/312/Add.1)

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): Pursuant to General Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, the Assembly elects the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination upon their nomination by the Economic and Social Council.

Allow me to remind members that, at its 73rd plenary meeting, held on 22 December 2008, the General Assembly elected 17 members of the Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2009. Members will also recall that, by its decision 2006/201 D, of 30 November 2006, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

In that regard, the Assembly has before it a note by the Secretary-General contained in document A/63/312/Add.1. As indicated in that document, the Economic and Social Council nominated Israel for election by the General Assembly to fill the outstanding vacancy on the Committee for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, all elections should be held by secret ballot, and there shall be no nominations. However, I should like to recall paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401, whereby the practice of dispensing with the secret ballot for elections to subsidiary organs when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled should become standard, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election.

May I therefore take it that the Assembly wishes to declare Israel elected a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 10 June 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009?

It was so decided.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): Regarding the remaining vacancies from among the Western European and other States, the General Assembly will be in a position to act on them upon the nomination by the Economic and Social Council of Member States from that region.

We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 104.

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.